

Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

August 26, 2024

CONVENE

Board President Rick Paisley called the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education to order 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12 Principal Rick Dobbs, ECH-6th Principal Corey Peterson, Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Director Dan Stetzer and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Terry Blaken, Becky Whalen, Kim Sacia, Geoff Rozek, Shane Zeman, and Emily Stanton. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY:

1. **Correspondence:** Thank you was received from Christina Montalvo for the memorial donation for her mother who recently passed away.
2. **Public Comment:** Diana Johnson spoke in regards to questioning the equity in transportation to practices and events for all the athletic co-ops.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The 2024-2025 school year kicks off tomorrow for students. We also welcomed 13 new staff members to the district and have been busy with professional development and training during our staff in service days. Kudos to Mr. Dobbs & Mr. Peterson for organizing these events. The transportation department has been extremely busy organizing and adjusting bus routes in preparation for the new school year. We also welcomed the retirees back for our annual luncheon.

The auditors were also here last week completing their annual district audit. Final report should be ready in December.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Sacia, second by Stanton to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through July. There were no budget changes. Motion by Whalen, second by Sacia to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$1,591,465.39. Motion carried 6-0. Cash flow and activity accounts were reviewed.
3. **Personnel Report:** **Resignations:** Motion by Zeman, second by Blaken to accept the resignations of paraprofessionals Erin Diggs, Eunice Flick-Webb, Felicia Helgersen, Ashley Kaz and Mallory Seever along with Linda Heimdahl in Food Service. Motion carried 6-0. **Hiring:** Motion by Stanton, second by Whalen to hire the following staff members: Patsy Betsinger (food Service); 4K teacher Kylee Martin; Elementary Special Education teacher Jessica Kasten; 4th grade long term substitute teacher Michael Raabe. We also welcome back Paraprofessionals Brianna Brehmer and Kelly Mulholland. In coaching and advisory positions: Junior High Assistant football coach Dan Stetzer; Mock Trial Advisor Scott Scholze and assistant volleyball coach Kayla Schultz. Motion carried 6-0. **Retirement:** None.

DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION

1. **Transportation for Co-Op Athletes:** Athletic Director Zach Severson presented several options in regards to offering transportation for Co-Op athletes. A motion by Sacia, second by Rozek to approve the following language to be added into the 24-25 Athletic Handbook: "Melrose-Mindoro will cover \$650 for each athlete in a co-op sport that is not hosted by Melrose-Mindoro, any additional costs for the team/athlete will be covered by athlete and family. All participants will share equal costs when participating in a co-op sport not hosted by Melrose-Mindoro". A motion by Sacia, second by Rozek to approve a trial/pilot program to offer transportation for these co-op sports. The co-op team must agree by a majority vote to be transported and assume costs of said transportation. Transportation for co-op sports will include all co-ops in transportation costs that the Melrose-Mindoro School District is not the host of and can only offer when we are able to hire a driver. Motion carried 6-0.

- 2. Consider change of dates of November, December & February board meetings-**Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to approve the change of meeting dates for each of the months mentioned due to holiday or spring breaks. The dates for the regular board meetings will now be November 18, December 16, and February 17. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Mustang Youth Club Handbook approval:** Mustang Youth Club/Tutoring Coordinator Jenna Kowalke presented the Mustang Youth Club Handbook for approval. Motion by Blaken, second by Stanton to approve. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Accept Donations over \$500-**Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to accept the donation for \$21,000 from the Friends of Melrose. Motion carried 6-0. While not over \$500, Westby Co-Op Creamery donated 60 lbs. of yogurt to the district.
- 5. Second Reading of Policy 113-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex Education Programs or Activities:** Motion by Sacia second by Whalen to approve Policy 113. Motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Zeman, second by roll call vote to move to closed session at 7:50 p.m. The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved" and,

Wis. Stats §19.85 (1)(i) "Considering any and all matters related to acts by business under s. 560.15 which, if discussed in public could adversely affect the business, its employs or former employs". The board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session.

Motion by Whalen, second by Zeman to return to open session at 9:07 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Zeman, second by Rozek to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Michelle Murray
Recorder of Minutes